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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: ANGLO-AMERICAN LETTERS TO THE
FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS

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1. ROB YOUNG, RICHARD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, CALLED TO SAY THAT RICHARD HAD GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO A SERIES OF CALLAGHAN AND KISSINGER LETTERS TO THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.
2. YOUNG SAID THAT CROSLAND PLANNED TO ANSWER A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT ON DEC. 2 ON THE DEFINITION OF A BRITISH ROLE IN RHODESIA DURING TRANSITION. HE SAID THAT THE ANSWER WOULD BE A PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF BRITISH INTENTIONS BUT WOULD NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN BRITISH POLICY SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THE POINTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE HAVE RAISED IN THEIR RECENT EXCHANGES WITH CALLAGHAN (WE HAVE NOT SEEN THESE EXCHANGES BUT ASSUME YOU HAVE).
3. SINCE LONDON'S THINKING ON BRITISH RESPONSIBILITIES IS STILL EVOLVING, WHITEHALL AND WESTMINSTER MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT CALLAGHAN LETTERS TO THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS POINT. AN
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WOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENTS FURTHER REASON TO BE
ARGUMENTATIVE. ACCORDING TO YOUNG, RICHARD CONTINUES
TO BELIEVE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF VIEWS IS REQUIRED NOW
BUT THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH LONDON
ON THE TIMING OF THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION. CATTO

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